CHARIS BOOKS AND MORE

Feminist & Lesbian Mail Order/New Releases — February 1988

FICTION & POETRY

ALL OUT — Judith Alguire, $8.95. Winning a gold medal at the Olympics is Kay's all-consuming goal—until friends in the feminist community and a budding romance with a policewoman begin to interfere.

LADIES NIGHT — Elizabeth Bowers, $8.95. Everything we mystery buffs want is here: a good story, action, intrigue, and a strongly woman-centered plot and heroine. In addition, issues of race and class are presented with complexity and depth.

IN HER DAY — Rita Mae Brown, $4.50. In this reprint of her 1976 novel, Carol, elegant art history professor, meets Ilsa, revolutionary Lesbian feminist, and their romance is a sexual and ideological inferno. Brown's latest release is **BINGO**, $18.95.

WAKING — Eva Figes, 4.95. Eighty-eight pages long, this spare and deceptively simple story of a woman's life is meditation. Traveling from childhood to old age, each segment is told from that moment of just waking when dreams are still real.

SOUL SNATCHER — Camarin Grae, $8.95. Keenly written, tightly woven novel of a lonely, fearful woman who finds herself taking on the life of a person identical to her in appearance: a self-confident, brash, sexually alive Lesbian. Intriguing plot twists included.

HETEROSEXUALITY — Hanscombe and Humphries (eds.), $9.95. Why are some people so stubbornly attracted to the opposite sex? What causes it? Can it be cured? Questions like these have vexed Lesbians and gay men from time immemorial. This highly original anthology examines the nature of heterosexuality.

THE ADVENTURE OF THE MAGNIFICENT KONG AND BRAWNY MOUSE — Lucina Kathmann, $8.95. Humorous, fast-paced tale of a wonderful black woman and her courageous white lover who travel to Acapulco to iron out their differences on the subject of non-monogamy. Delightful, real, and outrageous.

PRAISESONG FOR THE WIDOW — Paule Marshall, $7.95. Avey, Black and middle class, is on a Caribbean cruise. Suddenly, pushed by troubling dreams and memories of her Harlem childhood, she leaves the boat and begins an adventure that immerses her in a culture and history she had forgotten. Also by Marshall, **BROWN GIRL, BROWNSTONES**, $8.95.

DOUBLE DAUGHTER — Vicki McConnell, $8.95. A third in the Nyla Wade, Lesbian, journalist-detective series. Here she returns to Denver where hate messages to Lesbian teachers are becoming a terrible reality. Previous titles are **MRS. PORTER'S LETTER**, $7.95, and **THE BURNTON WIDOWS**, $7.95.

THE CONVERSATIONS OF COW — Suniti Namjoshi, $5.95. Suniti and Bhadravati disagree about almost everything, hardly surprising as one is an average Lesbian separatist and the other a Brahmin Lesbian cow, goddess of a 1,000 faces and a 1,000 manifestations. Witty, inventive, and sharply satirical. Suniti is also known as richly humorous and insightful fabulist as seen in **FEMINIST FABLES**, $7.50, and **THE BLUE DONKEY FABLES**, $7.95.

THE SHELL SEEKERS —Rosamunde Pilcher, $4.95. An absorbing, detailed novel of connection among three generations of one family and the passions and heartbreak that tie them together. A book to get lost in.

THE POWER AND THE GLORY AND OTHER LESBIAN STORIES — Miriam Saphira (ed.), $8.95. This varied collection presents, what is for Americans, a rare opportunity to travel through a mosaic of Lesbian experience in Aotearoa (New Zealand).

FAIR AND TENDER LADIES — Lee Smith, $17.95. In the old tradition of oral storytelling this novel chronicles the life of Ivy Rowe, a West Virginia woman whose letters to the world are funny, heartbreaking, and utterly translucent. Also by Smith, **FAMILY LINEN**, $4.50, and **ORAL HISTORY**, $3.95.

A MISTRESS MODERATELY FAIR — Katherine Sturtevant, $8.95. Set in restoration London of the 1670's, this saga of suspense, romance and revenge revolves around a playwright, Margaret Featherstone, and her growing love for Amy Dudley, an acclaimed actor.

SHITKICKERS AND OTHER TEXAS STORIES — Carolyn Weathers, $6.95. This Texas Baptist preacher's daughter writes authentic, rip-roaring, poignantly serious stories where Lesbians aren't the only "queers" in the cast.

EARLY RIPENING: AMERICAN WOMEN'S POETRY NOW — Marge Piercy (ed.), $11.95. A rich and exciting collection of contemporary women's poetry for the 1980's that celebrates the diverse racial, ethnic, and cultural experience of poets in the U.S.

DON'T EXPLAIN: A SONG OF BILLIE HOLIDAY — Alexis De Veaux, $7.95. A book length prose poem that is an emotional tribute and biography of Billie Holiday, by a poet who sings her story in an achingly familiar voice of hardship and passion.

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LESBIAN ETHICS: TOWARD NEW VALUES — Sarah Lucia Hoaglund, $14.95. A book that will be read, studied, argued, applied—all with passion. "What I am calling Lesbian Ethics focuses on enabling and developing individual integrity and agency in relation to others. I mean to invoke a self who is both separate and related, a self which is neither autonomous nor dissolved; a self in community who is one among many..."

WOMEN, CULTURE, AND POLITICS — Angela Davis, $17.95. Davis speaks out again on issues of present importance, particularly from the vantage point of the struggle for racial and sexual

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equality. She is sure to provoke, challenge, and inspire.

ISRAEL: THE EMBATTLED LAND: JEWISH AND PALESTINIAN WOMEN TALK ABOUT THEIR LIVES — Beata Lipman, $12.95. The author has collected the voices of women, both Arab and Jewish, of all ages and viewpoints, voices that share with us the effect of 40 years of war and tension on their lives, beliefs, and aspirations.

GLANCING FIRES: AN INVESTIGATION INTO WOMEN'S CREATIVITY — Lesley Saunders (ed.), $9.95. A ground-breaking work on the meaning and production of feminist artistic expression. The contributors explore the connections and contradictions between their work and their lives.

THE FORBIDDEN STITCH: AN ASIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S ANTHOLOGY — Lim, Tsutakawa, Donnelly (eds.), $14.95. A richly woven collection of prose, poetry, and art from an extremely diverse group of women, women who do not necessarily share a common language, or culture, or even race, but who are all effected by the stereotypes assigned to them.

A SMALL PLACE — Jamaica Kincaid, $13.95. In this lyrical essay she challenges us to visit her homeland, Antigua. To visit it not as a tourist but through her experiences, experiences that ask you to think clearly about the people you are visiting, their colonial history, their government, their manners, their sense of time, and their opinion of you.

FOUND GODDESSES: ASPHALTA TO VISCERA — as revealed to Morgan Grey and Julia Penelope, $7.95. "One day, we found ourselves in a carload of Dykes circling a parking lot...when one of the Dykes remarked that we really needed a goddess of parking lots...A Dyke voiced her desire; the world was changed." And so the goddess Asphalta was born, as well as the great Moola-Moola, Chocolata, Hilaria, Clitoria, and Yah But.

BLACK SISTERS, SPEAK OUT: FEMINISM AND OPPRESSION IN BLACK AFRICA — Awa Thiam, $9.95. Polygamy, clitoridectomy, and infibulation are weapons used by men to control millions of women. Thiam makes plain that these practices are not remote and "barbaric," but a pattern of universal violence from men toward women.

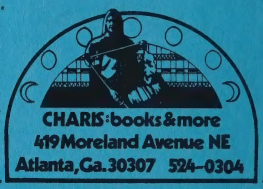
WORKING: MY LIFE AS A PROSTITUTE — Dolores French, $18.95. "When I walked out of middle class and into prostitution, in the public's eye, I was losing a lot. But, by crossing that line, I had a great deal to gain." French is an Atlanta resident and the founder of HIRE (Hooking Is Real Employment).

WHEN YOU'RE READY: A WOMAN'S HEALING FROM CHILDHOOD PHYSICAL AND SEXUAL ABUSE BY HER MOTHER — Evert and Bijkerk, $9.95. A much needed affirmation of the experience of many women. Beyond this, it is a moving, tender account of healing and courage.

FOR LESBIANS ONLY: A SEPARATIST ANTHOLOGY — Hoagland and Penelope (eds.), $16.95. Theory, autobiography, short stories, and poetry make up this wide ranging collection of feminism, scholarship, and rowdy dyke activism.

WOMEN AND SEX THERAPY: CLOSING THE CIRCLE OF SEXUAL KNOWLEDGE — Cole and Rothblum (eds.), $16.95. Sex therapists, educators, and counselors focus on concerns central to women and sexuality that are usually not addressed in existing literature.

TWO IN TWENTY: A LESBIAN SOAP OPERA — VHS Video, $39.95 (per episode). Follow the complex lives of two Lesbian households. (You name it, they confront it.) Told with humor and suspense, these tapes also, of course, contain commercials; ads rooted in Lesbian humor and satire. Five episodes available.



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